

## RESOLUTION 22-\_\_\_

### CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COCHISE COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, county Board of Supervisors are authorized, pursuant to Title 48, chapter 25 (§§ 48-4001, *et. seq.*) to establish county jail districts for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining, and financing county jails and jail systems, upon voter approval of a dedicated tax levy to be used only for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, due to inmate population growth, the age of the current Jail facility, and other factors, Cochise County is required to expend increasing amounts from its General Fund for the construction, maintenance, and operation of its jail system, thereby reducing the funds available for other essential county services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors had determined that the escalating costs of constructing, maintaining, and operating jail facilities may require a dedicated source of revenue to supplement funds allocated from the General Fund for these purposes.

#### **IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

1. That a hearing on this Resolution shall be held on November 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room located at 1415 Melody Lane, Bisbee, Arizona, to allow the Board to hear all persons who wish to appear in favor of or against establishment of the Cochise County Jail District.
2. That after the hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall consider whether the public interest, convenience and necessity will be served by establishment of the Cochise County Jail District and whether to order establishment of the District contingent on voter approval of an excise tax pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-4021.

3. That, if the Board of Supervisors orders establishment of the District, the approval of the excise tax shall be placed on the ballot of the election to be held on May 16, 2023.
4. That, if established, the District would include incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County as required by A.R.S. § 48-4001.

Dated this 21st day of October , 2022.

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Ann English, Chair  
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

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Tim Mattix  
Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*Christine J. Roberts* 10/17/2022  
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Christine J. Roberts  
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney